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1. 1 Chron. 21:13-27
2. David sinned in numbering the people. Israel numbered 1,100,000
3. God's displeasure--vs. 7, David confessed His sin. vs 8
4. God sends the pestilence, vs 14
5. David's penitence and prayer unto Jehovah. vs 17
6. God commands an offering, an altar on threshing-floor of Ornan
7. Ornan's offer---"I give it all" to thee. (vs 23)
8. David's reply--vs 24; "Nay....will do nothing that cost me nothing.." David would not offer unto Jehovah that which cost him nothing,

BODY:

I. EVERYTHING OF VALUE COSTS:

1. Food, raiment, shelter, health, education, yea, heaven
2. How much man is willing to work for these things.
3. "We cannot get something for nothing."
4. Actually, We appreciate things in proportion to what they cost
Listen to man: "I paid thus and thus for this and that"
He places high value on that which cost him much.
5. Man will not miss a day's work, even when sick, that he may have to purchase the things he desires.
(If he takes a day off, It will be the Lord's Day; not His)
6. Some of our greatest blessings cost us so little that we fail to appreciate them.
wife, children, worship, etc.

II. THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTIANITY ARE NOT EXCEPTIONS:

1. It cost to provide them. John 1:18
God gave His Son; Christ gave His life; Apostles gave their lives; many early disciples gave their lives.
How much God has done for us, and will do for us.
2. It costs to appropriate them---We must be willing to pay price
(1) Self-Denial-- Mt 16:24; Rom 12:1; Lk 14:27-33
God calls upon us to put Him first, Be willing to Pay the price; Put our desires secondary;
- (2) Obedience to the Gospel
(a) To become a child of God--John 3:1,2; Heb 11:6
Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:41,47, etc.
Why many have never obeyed the Gospel, they are not willing to pay the price, place self 2nd.

(b) To live as Christian, cleansed child of God; BLOOD
= NEGATIVE--Crucify the flesh--Gal 5:19-24; Rom 8:13
Col 3:8-11--SELF-DENIAL. Gal 2:20

POSITIVE--"Put on"--Col 3:12-17

Love one another--John 13:34-35; Gal 6:10

Something to DO; A PRICE TO PAY.

Worship God--Heb 10:25

POSITIVE ACTION FOR GOD; WANTING TO SERVE GOD:

III. WE MUST MAKE A SACRIFICE:

1. Suppose God and Christ had refused to make the sacrifice for us??? What hope could man have???
2. We cannot afford to give God the odds and ends of our TIME: ABILITIES, NICKELS AND DIMITES OF OUR MONEY.
3. Be willing to pay the Price.
4. David would not use that which cost him nothing.
Do we serve God only when nowhere else to go or nothing else we had rather do?

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James

Paul 2 Cor 11:23-